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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nabel, E. et al.) Group Art Unit 1804
Appl. No. : 08/210,902)
Filed : March 21, 1994)
For : INHIBITION OF ARTERIAL)
SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL)
PROLIFERATION)
Examiner : Michael Newell)

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION***SPECIAL HANDLING REQUESTED***

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

GROUP 1800

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 1995 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for inhibiting [restenosis associated with mechanical treatment] vascular cell proliferation after balloon injury of a blood vessel in a mammal, comprising:

introducing a polynucleotide to said blood vessel by catheter instillation at the site of said balloon injury after said [mechanical treatment] balloon injury, said polynucleotide comprising a thymidine kinase gene;